**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_Saturday, November 7, 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_10:45\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location/Address: Newman Center, SRU, Slippery Rock , PA 16057\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: X Michele Evans, President X\_ Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_ Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary X\_ Kim Deniker, Government Relations

X Mary Campbell, Treasurer X\_ Heather Buchan \_\_ Maile Kirkpatrick

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| * **Secretary’s Report –***Mary Ann Wilson (Heather Presented)*   + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the March 2015 meeting.   + Meeting minutes from May, 2015 meeting were accepted as posted. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 43   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: October 2015, earned $45 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Mary Campbell*   + Current Checking Balance: $ 4,125.15 * Expenses: None Reported * Deposits: None Reported * Report will be filed for audit * Library Donations * Bills to be approved/paid: * 1023 EZ IRS Filing for $400.00 – Approved. * Pay Nancy for Brunch Menu from Giant Eagle for today. – Approved * Pay the Speakers $350.00 - Approved | * **Government Relations Report** *– Kim Deniker*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. Details on Wolf’s Educational Budget . 2. The International Reading Association (IRA) is now known as the International Literacy Association (ILA) 3. ESEA has a new draft. 4. Act 48 electronic transcripts are now accepted from out-of-state institutions. 5. Working on the 990N and filed all necessary paperwork and membership information for the past three years.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Government Relations*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Michele Evans*
  + Welcomed all officers and members at large that were present!
  + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting. All hours have been submitted and credited.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours
  + Kaleidoscope Earth Day Community Project- Planning Day
    - April 23rd is the Kaleidoscope- Earth Day Celebration at SRU 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
    - Dale Chapel, SRU graduate student, gave us a tour of the MacCoskey Environmental Center today. **Continue on Page 2…**
    - Various Activity Centers will be decided upon. A Chairperson will organize each center and recruit a group of people to help make supplies need for the activity.
    - Each member of the subgroups should be encouraged to volunteer to take charge of the center for an hour or two.
    - Michelle is hoping for approval of ACT 48 hours for volunteers.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele is checking with various vendors to produce the logo as the Council has approved. She is waiting on info back from them to decide who the vendor will be to produce it for our letterhead, pamphlets and on our flag. She is also waiting the pending ILA logo decision before pursuing our so we can make all appropriate changes at once.
* 990N and Charter Update: Kim submitted a grant request which was awarded by KSRA for $300.00 to help pay for the 1023EZ filing to reinstate the 990N Non-Profit Status for the Council. I check needs written to reimburse Kim Deniker since the filing requires electronic submission. Kim will file using a personal credit card and then supply the confirmation of receipt of submission to the treasurer for the record.

There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that. Currently the IRS is not showing the BLM RC as a valid non-charitable organization. The 990N postcards have been correctly filed on the Councils part, but the IRS needs to send a letter stating that our EIN number is attached to our council since the merger. They have failed to do this, so the header naming our council is incorrect with the IRS.

* Approved Council brochure: Brochures were printed.

**New Business**

* International Project: We would like to collaborate with the Rotary Club’s International project. Michelle will continue to be in contact with them.
* The executive board made a motion and passed to change the name of the Council to “Butler Lawrence Mercer Literacy Council”. This will keep in line with the ILA (International Literacy Council) name change. KSRA is now also considering the name change to Keystone State “Literacy” Association instead of “reading”.
  + Bylaws will need to be changes to reflect this.
  + KSRA has asked that we not actually try to change the name outside the local level until 990N and IRS situation is resolved. We will comply.
  + We are putting the name change on hold until ILA and KSRA are in congruency with name/bylaw changes. ILA is not operating under ILA legally through the IRS at this time. This must resolved before we can change our name as per Eric and Virginia at KSRA.
* Nancy and Kim attended the KSRA Conference on September 25th and 26th.

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* Michele and Nancy attended the KSRA Conference.
* 2015-16 meetings
  + Saturday in October 17th at MIU4, Amy Walker will present “Teaching Opinion, Argument Writing Using Mentor Text.”
  + November 7th, 2015, at Newman Center in Slippery Rock, the presentation will be “Hot Topics and Strategies in Reading Instruction.” This may change if Michelle can schedule a different speaker who will speak about students’ independent reading.
  + Michele announced a holiday get together for the first December 2, 2015 at the Red Rock Café for those that want to share a gift card/exchange for the holidays. This will not be a regular meeting, just a chance to visit. No Act 48 hours awarded for this meeting.
  + No January meetings
  + February 25th officers and chairperson will meet with their individual committees to finalize plans for Kaleidoscope Earth Day community project. Snow make-up day for this meeting is a day in March. Meeting will be at Wilmington Area Middles School Library.
  + April 23rd, Kaleidoscope Earth Day Community Project. All persons attending should report no later than 10:30 to help set up unless you have chosen to volunteer to cover an activity during a specific time period.
  + May 3rd, 2015, at Wilmington Area School District library we will have a “Teachers as Readers” book talk.
* Spring 2016 Officers positions will be open for nomination.
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_12:30 PM\_ Linda Ziegler(1st) and Kim Miller (2nd)**

**Presentation:**

Nancy Hobbs, Kristen Sacco, & Myrna R. Oleynik (Librarian)

“Successful Personalized Reading Program.”